



## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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### Notice of a Shipping Coordinating Committee Meeting

The Department of State will conduct an open meeting at 9:00 am on May 11, 2018, in the CDR Raymond J. Evans Conference Center, Room 6i10-01-a, of the Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building at St. Elizabeth's, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE, Washington D.C. 20593. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the 99th session of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Maritime Safety Committee to be held at the IMO Headquarters, United Kingdom, May 16-25, 2018.

The agenda items to be considered include:

- Adoption of the agenda; report on credentials
- Decisions of other IMO bodies
- Consideration and adoption of amendments to mandatory instruments
- Measures to enhance maritime security
- Regulatory scoping exercise for the use of Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships (MASS)
- Goal-based new ship construction standards
- Safety measures for non-SOLAS vessels operating in the polar regions
- Carriage of cargoes and containers (report of the fourth session of the Sub-Committee)
- Implementation of IMO instruments (report of the fourth session of the Sub-Committee)
- Ship design and construction (report of the fifth session of the Sub-Committee)
- Pollution prevention and response (report of the fifth session of the Sub-Committee)
- Navigation, communications and search and rescue (report of the fifth session of the Sub-Committee)

- Ship systems and equipment (urgent matters emanating from the fifth session of the Sub-Committee)
- Implementation of the STCW Convention
- Capacity building for the implementation of new measures
- Formal safety assessment
- Piracy and armed robbery against ships
- Unsafe mixed migration by sea
- Application of the Committee's procedures on organization and method of work
- Work programme
- Any other business
- Consideration of the report of the Committee on its ninety-eighth session

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Upon request to the meeting coordinator, members of the public may also participate via teleconference, up to the capacity of the teleconference phone line. To access the teleconference line, participants should call (202) 475-4000 and use Participant Code: 887 809 72. To facilitate the building security process, and to request reasonable accommodation, those who plan to attend should contact the meeting coordinator, LCDR Staci Weist, by e-mail at [Eustacia.Y.Weist@uscg.mil](mailto:Eustacia.Y.Weist@uscg.mil), by phone at (202) 372-1376, or in writing at 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. S.E. Stop 7509, Washington D.C. 20593-7509, not later than May 7, 2018, 5 days prior to the meeting. Requests made after May 7, 2018 might not be able to be accommodated. Please note that due to security considerations, two valid, government issued photo identifications must be presented to gain entrance to the Coast Guard Headquarters building. It is recommended that attendees arrive no later than 30 minutes ahead of the scheduled meeting

for the security screening process. The Headquarters building is accessible by taxi, public transportation, and privately owned conveyance (upon request for parking). Please contact the meeting coordinator if you plan to participate by phone.

Additional information regarding this and other public meetings may be found at <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/IMO/>.

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